

**Goulburn Murray Landcare**

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

**2018 - 2019**

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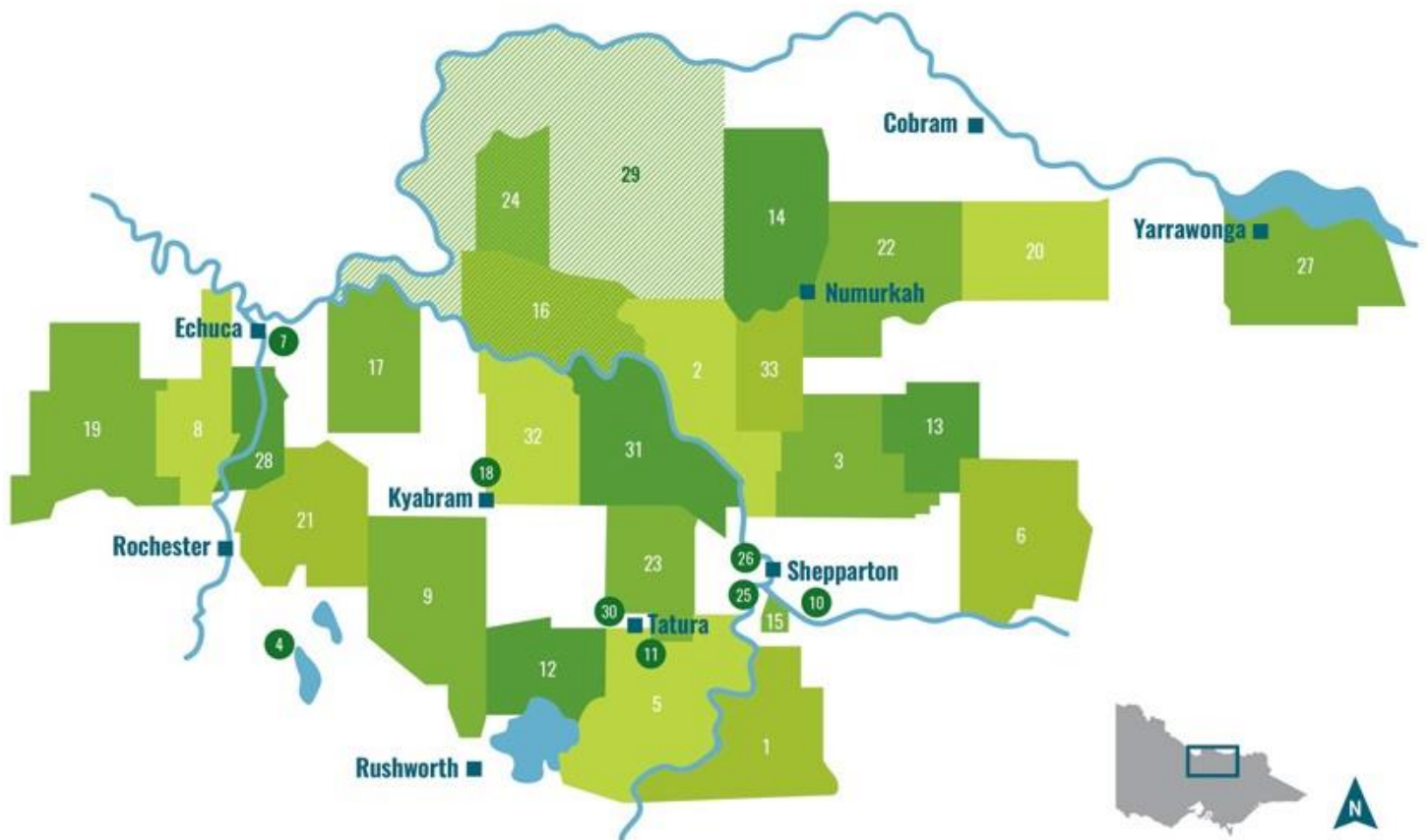


**Goulburn  
Murray  
*Landcare***

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## Goulburn Murray Landcare Groups



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| 1. Arcadia & District Landcare Group     | 12. Harston Community Landcare Group     | 23. North West Mooroopna Land Management Group   |
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| 3. Congupna Tallygaroopna Landcare Group | 14. Katunga Landcare                     | 25. Sevens Creek Residential Group*              |
| 4. Corop Community Action Group*         | 15. Kialla Lakes Residential Group       | 26. Shepparton Mooroopna Urban (sub group GMLN)* |
| 5. Dhurringile & District Landcare Group | 16. Kotupna Landcare Group               | 27. South Yarrawonga Landcare Group              |
| 6. Dookie Land Management Group          | 17. Koyuga-Kanyapella Landcare Group     | 28. Strathallan Family Landcare Group            |
| 7. Echuca Landcare Group*                | 18. Kyabram Urban Landcare Group         | 29. Superb Parrot Project                        |
| 8. Echuca West Landcare Group            | 19. Lockington & District Landcare Group | 30. Transition Tatura*                           |
| 9. Girgarre Stanhope Landcare Group      | 20. Muckatah Landcare Group              | 31. Undera Landcare Group                        |
| 10. Goulburn Valley Environment Group*   | 21. Nanneella Timmering Landcare Group   | 32. Wyuna Landcare Group                         |
| 11. Goulburn Valley Tree Group*          | 22. Naring Landcare Group                | 33. Wunghnu Drumanure Landcare Group             |

\* Group located by point location

## 2019 Overview

### Contacting the GMLN Office

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### The GMLN Aims

- ✓ To support Landcare groups in the Agricultural Floodplains
- ✓ To provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences between Landcare groups
- ✓ To publicise and promote the links between sustainable production and natural resource management
- ✓ To strengthen community business partnerships, by attracting support from and building relationships with, business and industry
- ✓ To strengthen partnerships with government agencies, local government, schools, tertiary institutions, urban communities and other groups as appropriate
- ✓ To influence regional planning and policy decision making
- ✓ To seek funding for Landcare projects
- ✓ To coordinate resources and information sharing
- ✓ To encourage research partnerships with Landcare

### Who's Who 2018/2019

Chairperson..... Graham Liersch  
Vice Chair ..... David Sutton  
Secretary ..... Lanie Pearce  
Treasurer..... John Laing  
Immediate Past Chairperson ..... John Laing  
Executive committee members:  
    Collier McCracken                  Glenn Thompson                  Trish Moss  
    Helen Jeffs                          Steve Jeffs  
Landcare Facilitator ..... Andrea Montgomery /Jo Doolan  
Landcare Facilitator ..... Lanie Pearce  
Soil Project Officer ..... Jo Doolan  
Biodiversity & IT ..... Carolena Helderma

## The GMLN Achievements in 2018/2019

The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network has been successful in securing funding for 2 part-time Landcare facilitators until June next year. This funding will enable us to continue to deliver projects and assist our member groups.

### **Our key outcomes for the year are listed below:**

- ❖ 12 individuals were employed many of these on behalf of organisations such as The Gecko Clan; Upper Goulburn Landcare Network; and also for individual Landcare groups and projects.
- ❖ Our office was staffed four days per week in 2018/2019 by Andrea, Jo, Carolena and Lanie. Andrea finished up in December with Jo, Carolena and Lanie stepping in to fulfil her duties for the remainder of the year.
- ❖ We participated in school and community activities and the “Gone Fishing Day” during Water Week.
- ❖ We held numerous education days reaching over 4,500 students. The students appreciate being outside the school environment to learn about our local flora and fauna.
- ❖ We attended a number of community events including KidsFest, NAIDOC, Rumbalara family day and Rumbalara Bush Kinder Jamboree and the Lighthouse Careers Day.
- ❖ We once again successfully organised and ran the Floodplain Ecology Course at Morning Glory Resort in Barmah for the 10<sup>th</sup> year. The course was well attended with positive feedback received about the course.
- ❖ We ran 12 Soil related field days.
- ❖ We were able to deliver a variety of workshops as part of the Living the Good Life projects.
- ❖ Facilitator funding continues through until June 2020.
- ❖ We made submissions and participated in community consultations such as the Farm and Environment working group, RiverConnect, GBCMA Chairs meetings, VLC meetings and conference and various local council meetings.

It has again been a busy year for the Network with the many events held together with the continuing changes to funding and staff. Adjusting to the new funding process has been a steep learning curve for everybody.

## Executive Reports

### Presidents Report

The last twelve months at Goulburn Murray Landcare have been a time of change. We said a sad goodbye at Christmas to our facilitator of many years, Andrea Montgomery. As funding announcements for facilitators were not forthcoming, we had one staff member less for nine months. This created a lot of extra work for Lanie, Jo and Carolena. The Executive say a “big thank you” for the amazing efforts our staff have gone to, to keep the network functioning. It’s only in the last month that we appointed Fiona Stuart as our new facilitator, please make Fiona welcome.

Our forever capable, efficient, knowledgeable and dependable Lanie Pearce is retiring from the Network as a facilitator. Lanie will be staying on as a volunteer Secretary, so thankfully we will still have Lanie in the Network (life sentence!). Jo has stepped into Lanie’s facilitator role.

John Laing has been our chair for the last thirteen years, that’s two life sentences. John is now our Network Treasurer and he and Lanie have transitioned the accounting system over to a new program. You’ll note John has even less hair now.

As I have said, it’s our staffs hard work and cheerfulness that makes this Network so effective. You’ll note from the reports, the many seminars and forums run by the Network to encourage stewardship of the natural environment.

This backed by the huge commitment to education with the enlightenment of over four thousand school age children, translates to long days teaching many kids. Lanie, Jo, Carolena and John are usually exhausted at the end of the day. An amazing effort.

In the last few weeks Lanie was presented with the Joan Kirner Landcare Award by the Victorian Governor. This is in recognition for Lanie’s outstanding work in Landcare over many years. A gong well deserved and we at the Network are as proud as punch for Lanie. At the same award ceremony Fraser Pogue won the Australian Government Landcare farming award for his regenerative ag approach and trying new ideas to improve soil health. Jo supported Fraser with trials and farm field days. Videos of these can be viewed on the GMLN website.

This is only a quick brush over. There are many more projects and activities to read about in the reports on the following pages. All Annual reports can also be found on the GMLN website.

I thank the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority for their continued financial and helpful support. Tony Kubeil is always ready to lighten our load with assistance and solutions to problems any time we ask.

Finally I would like to say thanks to the Network members and staff for their support in my first year as Chair.

*Graham Liersch*  
Network Chairperson

## Treasurer's Report

There have been a few changes in the management of finances at Goulburn Murray Landcare during the past twelve months.

We have changed from using 'Quickbooks' to 'Xero'. The new software package is used by our accountants and whilst there have been some teething problems things are becoming easier.

Facilitator and project funding has continued through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority. Securing funds to get stuff done on the ground and support the management regime needed to keep the network going is a challenging space and thanks to the staff at the GBCMA for their ongoing support.

Australian Government funding is now generally a pay in arrears system. This means we will need to monitor projects to ensure our reserves are not adversely impacted.

We are continuing to provide employment support for other networks in the Goulburn Broken catchment. This looks set to continue for the foreseeable future.

Lanie has been doing the main facilitator role following Andreas departure. This has meant sorting out contracts, funding, project reporting and staff as well helping to sort out the finances following Craig's passing away. Thanks Lanie for doing an amazing job, always with a smile on your face.

Fiona Stuart has just started. Fiona will be taking over from Lanie in the network facilitator role. Lanie is currently a house painter as she transitions into retirement.

Thanks also to Jo and Carolena for your patience and support and the executive committee for their understanding as we transition to the new system.

*John Laing*  
Network Treasurer

## Reports

### Funded Projects for 2018/19

The GBCMA funded our education Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery (BEAD) program again this year, which allowed us to continue to expand the education program and do some extra events (see BEAD report).

We were once again successful in securing funding from the GBCMA and the State Government Victorian Landcare Grants to continue our highly successful “Living the Good Life” project which is aimed at getting small landholders interested in landcare activities and providing them with information to better manage their land. This has once again been well supported by the community and is a great project which we hope will continue on next year.

We were provided funding from the GBCMA to help deliver the Koyuga-Wyuna Landscapes project, which included raising awareness in the community about the value of our trees and bushland. This work is being continued by our biodiversity officer Carolena, who is assisting landholders in accessing incentives to fence and revegetate their properties. Our Facebook page and website are being kept regularly up to date and being utilised well.

We were fortunate to receive funding from State Government to enable us to increase the skills of our members for the following courses:

- Food handlers
- 1<sup>st</sup> aid courses x2

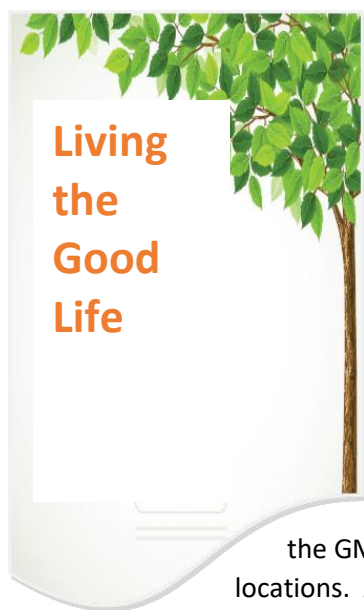
The Floodplain Ecology Course for 2018 was not funded but we managed to self fund the facilitator in order to run the course. We have since received funding for the Floodplain Ecology Course for the next 4 years from the GBCMA.

Jo’s soil projects received funding through the Victorian Landcare Grant and Federal funding via GBCMA under the From The Ground Up banner. This has allowed the learning to continue in the Regenerative Agriculture space.

There are more detailed reports for most of the individual projects further in the report. Thank-you to all the Landcare volunteers who have supported GMLN projects. Without you these would not happen.



## Living the Good Life 2018/19



- Antarctica Wildlife Presentation
- Trees For Mum
- Pruning Workshop - Picola
- Fruit Preserving
- Astronomy - Star Gazing Night
- Landcare Annual Picnic – Chris Tzaros (Drumanure/Wunghnu)
- Fungi evening
- Photography workshop
- Pollinator Day @ Botanic Gardens – adults (Sunday)

We were able to deliver a variety of workshops over the last 12 months for this project, which were undertaken in different parts of the GMLN area and therefore encouraging participation from wide ranging locations. All of the information sessions and workshops were very well attended and we received positive feedback from all participants.

We tried to include a local Landcare group as the host of each activity to encourage participation from people who might not otherwise attend other Landcare activities.

This project continues to appeal to a new group of people may not have been involved in traditional landcare group activities in the past. This means the landcare message is getting further into the community and including a wider range of people.

Planning is essential to ensure smooth running of these workshops. Having sessions planned for the year and securing presenters early is a key to a successful event.

Advertising also has a very important role in the success of the events. Advertising in the right places for the audience each event is aimed at is essential. Word of mouth seems to be a way of getting information around the community. We have found Facebook and social media are working as a source of dispersing information. Our new web page and “Trybooking” are new methods of encouraging people to book in for events

Once again we had a lot of non-landcare group members attending our Living the Good Life activities this year. We need to ensure these people are given the opportunity to become members of their local landcare groups or of the Network. We have developed an individual and family membership for the GMLN for those people unable to join their local group.

- **Trees For Mum**

Trees For Mum attracts hundreds of people to our Landcare “tent” and introduces them to Landcare in a non-threatening way. Over 300 plants were given away at our Annual Trees for Mum stand held on Mother’s Day at Shepparton’s Mother’s Day Classic run at Vic Park Lake. This is a great way to spend the morning, encouraging the runners & walkers & sharing the joy of planting native plants in the garden. We are always well received and thanked for the plants provided to the participants. We also supported Girgarre’s Mother’s Day Classic by providing 100 plants.

## Staff / Meetings

Staff attended a number of meetings throughout the year including:

- Professional Development @ Moama- Northern Rivers Roundup
- Cultural Workshop
- Coordinators and Facilitators meetings
- Network Chairs meetings
- RiverConnect meetings
- Farm and Environment Working Group
- Shepparton Irrigation Region Project Information Committee (SIRPIC)
- Environment and Sustainability Committee (Moir)

## Floodplain Ecology Course 2018

The Floodplain Ecology Course was fully booked very early this year. It shows content of the program is on demand, and the presenters draw people to attend. Most of the attendees have heard of FEC by word of mouth from past participants.

This year's course was self-funding – we did not receive any grants of income from other sources. Thanks to the facilitator funding, we were able to support Lanie to attend and coordinate the day to day running at Morning Glory. It has become so popular, we have a waiting list for next year!

These are some of the comments from the attendees on what they liked about the course:

- Learning the history of the rivers and floodplains and how they formed as a lot of regional info was new to me.
- Being on country, seeing everything through first person/firsthand perspective. Learning SO MUCH! Like a crash course in everything
- Mingling with group and presenters
- Kingfisher cruise
- Field work that reflected theory
- The location is great
- How well organized it was (thanks Lanie)
- The food (thanks Doug & Kaye)
- The presenters' enthusiasm, knowledge and personability.
- To be included with such a diverse, enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of people
- The diversity of subjects seemed to cover everything associated with floodplains
- Learning about the Goulburn River & Kanyapella in my management area
- Very engaging presenters

*Lanie Pearce*  
Project Coordinator

## Biodiversity Environment Aquatic Discovery Project



Our BEAD program continues to be a valuable part of environmental learning for our schools and local community, and this year we reached over 4,000 people who participated in at least one of our learning activities. We are continually adding to our information and activities. Our programs are relevant to the current curriculum which makes it easily accessible for educators to report and add to their resources. We are finding that we are more in demand than ever as the schools no longer have other resources to cover their environmental learning needs.

Our Volunteers are to be commended on their willingness to give more and more of their time to the BEAD Program. Many of them travel long distances to help out with the smooth running of these days. All of them comment how much they gain from the seeing the enthusiasm of the students and enjoy giving their time to promote our environmental assets.

The requests for us to attend festivals and events is ever increasing and we are often requested to deliver our program in other parts of the state. In delivering outside the catchment we reached a large number of people we do not normally come into contact with in this way and our message is spread over a wider area. We have built up our education resources including microscopes, cameras and equipment for the bug blitz program, as well as a number of taxidermies of some of our local fauna species, which are a great tool for education. We are finding that the wider community is looking for educational information and we have included some of these in our “mix” of events this year.

We are proud to be able to present the BEAD project to schools and the local community in our area as well as to others outside our region. We continue to engage as many students and community members as possible on spending time in their local environment and appreciating their surrounds.

Kinder programs now seem to be tapping into our services so we are reaching a younger demographic. It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to find enough volunteers to assist with the program as people become busier with their lifestyle and commitments. Because of this, we have had to reduce the number of events as the preference is for larger events rather than many smaller events. Every year we face the same problem that over commitment of time and resources makes it difficult for us to attend every school that requests us. Developing new activities and refreshing the ones we have had for some time has reinvigorated enthusiasm for the program.

We are finding that adult education and information is also important in our delivery, so have included more adult content into our activities. We gain as much from the days as the students/people involved, as we find that once they are aware of what wonderful assets we have, they are eager for more information.

*Thanks to all our support teams from: Parks Vic; COGS; Moira Shire; GV Water; GBCMA; Landcare groups and individuals. Your enthusiasm and assistance, is invaluable in enabling us to deliver this project.*

These are some of the events we attended apart from our usual school programs:

- **Nagambie – GOFISH**

This was a new event we attended this year – 520 students in one day!

We were part of the Friday Education Day arranged by the organisers of the event. Thanks to GBCMA who shared our space for the day and

assisted with the activities. Jim, Corey and Dean were a god-send in running the activities when we were overwhelmed by numbers of students.



- **Botanical Gardens – fun days**

Thanks must go to the wonderful “Friends Of the Botanical Gardens” who not only allowed us use of the gardens for some of our events, but also assisted with the activities. They were so generous with their time and enthusiasm which made our time there easier. It is a fantastic venue for kids to get out and about in nature.

- **Cussen Park - Bat night**

RiverConnect and friends of Cussen Park organized a bat evening in May. We were blown away by the number in attendance. Our job for the evening was to provide children’s activities. We made badges, bat kites and masks and had a display of taxidermy animals. An extremely busy time for us, but a fantastic, successful evening engaging the community.

- **Junior Rangers**

Another wonderful partnership we have is with Parks Victoria. We assist with their Junior Ranger holiday program where possible. It is lovely to have their support at our events and to have their input and assistance at our events is wonderful.

- **Rockin' Loch Garry**

This event was part of the Loving the Lower Goulburn Project. Funding received was through the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA). We ran a very successful schools day and then, in the evening, we had a picnic dinner and musical entertainment by the Loch.



Bird Life Goulburn Murray led a walk and talk along the Loch and surrounds – thankyou. A lovely relaxing evening – great to appreciate the beautiful area we have in our catchment.

- **Water week - Vic Park Lake**

We celebrated Water Week with RiverConnect and GV Water with a round of activities by Vic Park Lake in Shepparton and also a day at Thompsons Beach – Cobram. Thanks to Kristy from GV Water who continually supports and involves us in her wonderful education program

- **Bush Kinder Jamboree**

A favourite on our calendar is the annual Bush Kinder Jamboree at Rumbalara. Another very hectic day, but the joy on the Kinder Children’s faces is our reward. It is so important that little ones get out and about to discover nature.

- **NAIDOC**

We are always happy to attend NAIDOC celebrations at Barmah. This has become an annual event on our calendar and it’s great to see such a wonderful turn out. The weather was not so kind to us this year, but we always need the rain, so we were happy to share a marque with others. The NAIDOC committee were welcoming and, as always, the tucker was warming!



- **Gone Fishing Day**

This day, organized by GBCMA, always has a great attendance rate. The weather was kind to us and the company entertaining. Fishing is such a relaxing pastime and people are happy to just sit in the sunshine a soak up the atmosphere. A marvelous way to get back to nature.

- **Kidsfest**

KidsTown was a hive of activity over the September weekend. John and Laine were kept busy with a continual stream of people through the tent.



Thanks to Parks Vic for sharing their space with us. And also for their assistance with our activities when we were flooded with people.

## Soils Report 2018-2019

This past year has been full of learning opportunities for everyone interested in soil health and regenerative agriculture. With funding from state & federal governments, over 300 local land managers have gained knowledge in a variety of topics; from Grazing management to Fungi in our soils. Topics for workshops and courses are gathered from past participants to engage the community and support the future growth of our local agricultural businesses. Our Annual Farm Forum evening sessions were again popular with topical speakers & an 'easy to attend format'.

Thanks must go to the farmers and Landcare groups who host events and provide valuable time and support so the learning continues 😊

Events held 2018-2019:

- Farm Forum sessions – On-farm Biosecurity, Organic Farming Systems & Grazing Systems, Jun-July 2018
- Vic No Till annual conference sponsorship; Moama, July 2018
- Grassland & Pasture Management with Colin Seis – Kaarimba & Koyuga, Oct 2018
- Bugs & Brews with David Hardwick workshops – Kotupna Sept & Merrigum Nov 2018
- What Weeds & Why with Gwyn Jones – Kyabram, Feb 2019
- Nicole Masters Soil Masterclass, with Vic No Till – Tatura, March 2019
- Dirt Matters – Fungi & soil systems with Alison Pouliot – Kyabram, April 2019
- Trial site establishment – Regenerative Grazing on dryland – Kyabram, ongoing
- Holistic Management support group – assisting meetings & information gathering/learning – ongoing
- GMLN representative at Farm & Environment meetings
- Grant applications – Smart Farms Small Grants rd2 successful  
From the Ground Up 2 successful for next 4 years (till 2023) and VLG grants to be confirmed soon.

I also attended the National Landcare Conference and Awards in Brisbane in October which had a sustainable agriculture focus and proved to be very informative.

Thank you to the GMLN Executive for your support and helpful input into the Soils Program.

*Jo Doolan*  
Project Coordinator



*Regen Grazing Workshop at  
Kyabram – May 2019*

## Biodiversity Report 2018-2019

My work came under three funding streams OCOC, Linking Landscapes and ROBSONG which are a combination of state and federally funded incentives.

Expressions of Interest are registered with GBCMA and I have gradually been getting through the list of interested landholders to determine if they meet funding guidelines. If not, information is supplied via email or a chat on the phone. This information may contain species information or linking to local suppliers of native species.

I have undertaken 21 property visits in the past year, determining which funding stream is most suited. I attended monthly meetings with the other facilitators and present my site visit report, images and mapping to determine if it can be taken forward. If approved, I then complete a second site visit and begin a ten year agreement between the landholder and GBCMA.

The work is a combination of providing education, problem solving, drawing up agreements, mapping, organising contractors, materials and supplies and following-up with more detailed transect reporting.

I completed a total of seven agreements and have a large number ahead and always looking to encourage our Landcare members to submit an EOI.

The funding also includes running related events and as I write this, it's time to knock-off and get some sleep for a 'Grey Box and Grassy Woodland' event with Paul Foreman tomorrow!

*Carolena Helderman*  
Project Coordinator

## Training Grant Report

We ran 2 first aid courses which were attended by approximately 20 people. This was great for their Landcare and community groups as the more knowledge we have, the better equipped we are at our events. The Food Handlers Course was also well attended. The presenter made it fun and easy to understand. As most of our members, at some time, supply food for attendees, it is essential to have the correct knowledge to be able to do so.

## Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group

President: Gerry Goonan. Minutes Secretary: Helen Jeffs. General Secretary: Wendy D'Amore

SMULG has had another successful year holding our own events and participating with The Greater Shepparton Council, with RiverConnect, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network and The Australian Botanical Gardens Shepparton. We have 18 members.

Our SMULG Activities in the Park event last September at The Boulevard Bushland Reserve was a great success with around 40 people participating and 6 members helping. We are busy organising this year's event.

National Tree day at KidsTown was a big event, 8 members were kept very busy guiding eager planters. With RiverConnect we have assisted with Nest Box checking. This exercise produced some pleasing home ownership photos, to validate our work saving our native wildlife. We held a Nest box repair working bee, and an installation night at the Botanical Gardens.

Wendy continues to guide Glider spotlight tours. However she is looking for other places to conduct spot lighting as there does not appear to be many Glider's surviving at Tom Collin's drive. Several members have participated in RiverConnect river clean up events. GMLN ran First Aid and Food Handlers courses, which several members participated in.

Royce Dickson, SMULG's founder passed away during the year. SMULG members and Royce's family planted a Grey Box tree and a small garden of indigenous plants at the bench seat in the middle of the Boulevard Bushland Reserve. Royce was instrumental in working with Council to obtain this land as important native bushland to be protected. SMULG are working with RiverConnect and Council to have a plaque on the seat dedicated to Royce. Royce spent many years working with school and disadvantaged groups restoring bushland and teaching respect for nature. Royce was also instrumental in the conception of the Australian Botanical Gardens.

Landcare Victoria Insurance has been reviewing Landcare groups, deciding that SMULG has become an identity of its own. Members now pay a yearly membership fee. Our funds continue to be held at the GMLN office. Gerry continues to attend land managers Meetings.

SMULG participated in the Shepparton Botanical Gardens Open day in May. The GMLN animals were very popular as was the gum leaf painting. Veronica and John Groat gave several interesting presentations to curious visitors along with a glider art and photo exhibition.

SMULG and several members were nominated for Council Volunteer awards this year. Four members attended the Kyabram Landcare Group's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We have applied for the CMA grant, written letters to Politicians regarding illegal Firewood collection. Letters of support for several Grants, attended a Medical student welcome evening. Attended GVeg meetings and worked as Weed Warriors at the Botanical gardens.

Helen Jeffs  
SMULG



## List of Employees

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Jo Doolan              | GMLN                            |
| Raelene (Lanie) Pearce | GMLN & Stormwater               |
| Carolena Helderman     | GMLN                            |
| Andrea Montgomery      | GMLN                            |
| Kerri Kallady-Robson   | Gecko Clan                      |
| Chris Cobern           | Upper Goulburn Fire Recovery    |
| Cathy Olive            | Upper Goulburn                  |
| Judith Watts           | Upper Goulburn                  |
| Wes Tyson              | Harston Landcare Group          |
| Helen Gough            | Upper Goulburn Landcare Network |
| Jodie Morrison         | Upper Goulburn Landcare Network |

## Contract Employees

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Wendy D'Amore | River Connect |
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## Memorandum of Understanding

Upper Goulburn Network  
Gecko Clan

## Farewell

**Royce Dickson.** Sadly, Royce Dickson, the man that founded Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare Group passed away during the year. Royce was an amazing person, he had a huge dedication to the environment, wonderful people person and teacher to so many. He will be greatly missed by all of us. It was an honour to know Royce and work beside him.

**Andrea Montgomery.** We were very sad to see Andrea leave in December when she ran away to Upper Barwon for a sea change. It wasn't until she had left that we realized just how much she did. We miss her a lot and wish her and her family all the best.

## 2018/2019 Partners:





# **GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**

ABN 25 431 176 621

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your committee members submit the financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

**Committee Members**

The names of the committee members in office at anytime during or since the end of the year are:

Raelene Pearce  
John Laing  
Veronica Groat  
David Sutton  
David Doyle  
Collier McCracken  
Patricia Moss  
Glen Thompson  
Brian Fremantle  
Graham Liersch

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

**Operating Result**

The loss after providing for income tax amounted to \$51,843.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee:

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**Raelene Pearce**

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**John Laing**

**Dated:**

**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|   | Note     | 2019<br>\$             | 2018<br>\$             |
|---|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue   |          | 532,137                | 717,622                |
| Employee benefits expense                           |          | (426,063)              | (539,964)              |
| Depreciation and amortisation expenses              |          | -                      | (2,269)                |
| Other expenses                                      |          | <u>(157,916)</u>       | <u>(199,024)</u>       |
| <b>Profit (loss) before income tax</b>              | <b>2</b> | (51,843)               | (23,636)               |
| Income tax expense                                  |          | <u>-</u>               | <u>-</u>               |
| <b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>                   |          | <u><u>(51,843)</u></u> | <u><u>(23,636)</u></u> |
| Profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity |          | <u><u>(51,843)</u></u> | <u><u>(23,636)</u></u> |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|  | Note | 2019<br>\$             | 2018<br>\$             |
|--|------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>  |      | (51,843)               | (23,636)               |
| <b>Other comprehensive income:</b>   |      | _____                  | _____                  |
| <b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>                       |      | _____ -                | _____ -                |
| <b>Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year</b>                   |      | <u><b>(51,843)</b></u> | <u><b>(23,636)</b></u> |
| Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to members of the entity |      | <u>(51,843)</u>        | <u>(23,636)</u>        |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2019**

|                                       | Note | 2019<br>\$     | 2018<br>\$     |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                         |      |                |                |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                 |      |                |                |
| Cash on hand                          | 3    | 255,165        | 354,441        |
| Accounts receivable and other debtors | 4    | 29,765         | -              |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>           |      | <u>284,930</u> | <u>354,441</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                   |      | <u>284,930</u> | <u>354,441</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                    |      |                |                |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>            |      |                |                |
| Accounts payable and other payables   | 6    | 14,669         | 22,971         |
| Borrowings                            | 7    | 122            | 167            |
| Provisions                            | 8    | 29,372         | 38,694         |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>      |      | <u>44,163</u>  | <u>61,831</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>              |      | <u>44,163</u>  | <u>61,831</u>  |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                     |      | <u>240,767</u> | <u>292,610</u> |
| <b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>                 |      |                |                |
| Retained earnings                     |      | <u>240,767</u> | <u>292,610</u> |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>           |      | <u>240,767</u> | <u>292,610</u> |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|   | Retained<br>Earnings<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2017</b>   | 316,246                    | 316,246     |
| <b>Comprehensive income</b>   |                            |             |
| Profit (loss) for the year  | (23,636)                   | (23,636)    |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the<br/>year attributable to members of the<br/>association</b> | (23,636)                   | (23,636)    |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>  | 292,610                    | 292,610     |
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2018</b>   | 292,610                    | 292,610     |
| <b>Comprehensive income</b>   |                            |             |
| Profit (loss) for the year  | (51,843)                   | (51,843)    |
| <b>Total comprehensive income for the<br/>year attributable to members of the<br/>association</b> | (51,843)                   | (51,843)    |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>  | 240,767                    | 240,767     |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|  | Note     | 2019<br>\$      | 2018<br>\$     |
|--|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                |          |                 |                |
| Grants   |          | 427,430         | 580,046        |
| Management fees  |          | 87,730          | 96,241         |
| Reimbursements   |          | 9,574           | 22,752         |
| Other  |          | 7,401           | 24,215         |
| Payments to suppliers                                      |          | (631,411)       | (696,358)      |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>(99,276)</b> | <b>26,896</b>  |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                |          |                 |                |
| Assets purchased   |          | -               | (2,269)        |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b> |          | <b>-</b>        | <b>(2,269)</b> |
| <b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>           |          | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>       |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash held                       |          | (99,276)        | 24,627         |
| Cash on hand at beginning of financial year                |          | 354,441         | 335,843        |
| <b>Cash on hand at end of financial year</b>               | <b>9</b> | <b>255,165</b>  | <b>360,470</b> |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

**(a) Income Tax**

The entity is exempt from income tax expense.

**(b) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the nominal amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus any related on-costs. Both annual leave and long service leave are recognised within the provisions liability. This is the first year of recognising employee benefits in the Financial Reports.

**(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|   | 2019<br>\$     | 2018<br>\$     |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>2. PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>            |                |                |
| Expenses:                                       |                |                |
| Auditors' remuneration                          | 4,200          | 4,200          |
|   |                |                |
| <b>3. CASH ON HAND</b>                          |                |                |
| Bendigo bank term deposit***039                 | 51,424         | 15,775         |
| Bendigo bank term deposit***673                 | 50,074         | -              |
| Bendigo bank term deposit***681                 | 50,080         | -              |
| Bendigo bank cheque account                     | 66,052         | 198,765        |
| Bank savings                                    | 23,958         | 121,054        |
| Bendigo bank wages                              | 13,576         | 18,848         |
|   | <u>255,165</u> | <u>354,441</u> |
| <b>4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS</b> |                |                |
| CURRENT   |                |                |
| Trade receivables                               | <u>29,765</u>  | <u>-</u>       |
| <b>5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>         |                |                |
| General small business pool                     | 2,269          | 2,269          |
| Less accumulated depreciation                   | <u>(2,269)</u> | <u>(2,269)</u> |
| Total property, plant and equipment             | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       |
| <b>6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>   |                |                |
| CURRENT   |                |                |
| Integrated client account                       | <u>14,669</u>  | <u>22,971</u>  |
| <b>7. BORROWINGS</b>                            |                |                |
| CURRENT   |                |                |
| Credit card                                     | <u>122</u>     | <u>167</u>     |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|  | 2019<br>\$     | 2018<br>\$     |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>8. PROVISIONS</b>   |                |                |
| <b>CURRENT</b>   |                |                |
| Provision for holiday pay  | 14,075         | 11,809         |
| Provision for LSL  | 15,298         | 26,885         |
|  | <u>29,372</u>  | <u>38,694</u>  |
|  |                | 2019<br>\$     |
| <b>Provision for holiday pay:</b>  |                |                |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2018   |                | 11,809         |
| Movement   |                | 2,266          |
| Balance at 30 June 2019  |                | <u>14,075</u>  |
|  |                | 2019<br>\$     |
| <b>Provision for LSL:</b>  |                |                |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2018   |                | 26,885         |
| Movement   |                | (11,587)       |
| Balance at 30 June 2019  |                | <u>15,298</u>  |
|  |                | 2019<br>\$     |
| <b>Total Provisions</b>  |                |                |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2018   |                | 38,694         |
| Movement   |                | (9,321)        |
| Balance at 30 June 2019  |                | <u>29,372</u>  |
| <b>9. CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>  |                |                |
| <b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>  |                |                |
| Cash on hand at the end of financial year as included in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows: |                |                |
| Cash at Bank   | 103,586        | 344,695        |
| Term deposits  | 151,579        | 15,775         |
|  | <u>255,165</u> | <u>360,470</u> |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019**

|   | 2019<br>\$      | 2018<br>\$    |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operating activities with net current year profit</b> |                 |               |
| Current year profit after income tax  | (51,843)        | (18,004)      |
| Cash flows excluded from current year profit:   |                 |               |
| Depreciation  | -               | 2,269         |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                 |               |
| (Increase)/Decrease in accounts receivable  | (29,765)        | -             |
| Increase/(Decrease) in accounts payable   | (8,374)         | 3,937         |
| Increase/(decrease) in provisions   | (9,294)         | 38,694        |
| <b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>                                    | <u>(99,276)</u> | <u>26,896</u> |

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**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the committee of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc, the members of the committee declare that the financial statements for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes:

1. present a true and fair view of the financial position of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012; and
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

**President**

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**Raelene Pearce**

**Treasurer**

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**John Laing**

**Dated:**

**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC  
ABN 25 431 176 621**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBER OF  
GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019 and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc as at 30 June 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee of Goulburn Murray Landcare Network Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Victoria and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBER OF**  
**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**RP & RG Pty Ltd T/As Wyndham Audit**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**78 Wyndham Street**  
**Shepparton, VIC, 3630**

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**Auditor: Russell Guppy FCA**

**Shepparton**

**Dated:**

**GOULBURN MURRAY LANDCARE NETWORK INC**  
**ABN 25 431 176 621**

**CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE**

I, Raelene Pearce of and I, John Laing of , certify that:

- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 11th September, 2018
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 2018 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

**Dated:**

**Committee Member**

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**Raelene Pearce**

**Committee Member**

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**John Laing**